

She brought together the knowledge from her career with her knowledge of human trafficking to make a real difference in stopping this crime and saving victims.

Rep. ERIC SWALWELL awarded District Attorney Nancy E. O'Malley of Alameda County, California with the Lois Haight Award for Innovation and Excellence. D.A. O'Malley is a leader in fighting for victims of crime throughout her career. As District Attorney, she created the first unit in the country to focus exclusively on rescuing child victims of human trafficking and prosecuting those who exploit these children, called the Human Exploitation and Trafficking (HEAT) unit. From this work, she has created a blueprint, so other communities can create similar programs. In addition, she created a diversion program for sexually exploited girls in the juvenile justice system. DA O'Malley has lead efforts for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. She is a true champion for victims at the local, state, and federal level.

These wonderful survivors and advocates stand up for victims and make life better for them every day. They cannot be commended enough.

And that's just the way it is.

RECOGNIZING APRIL AS FAIR
HOUSING MONTH

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 28, 2014

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize April as Fair Housing Month. April 11, 2014 marked the 46th anniversary of the passage of the U.S. Fair Housing Act, which enunciates a national policy of

fair housing and bars discrimination based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status or disability. Decent, safe, and affordable housing is part of the American dream and a goal of all Illinois residents.

This year also marks the 35th anniversary of the Illinois Human Rights Act, which bars discrimination based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex, physical or mental disability, familial status, age, ancestry, marital status, disability, military status or sexual orientation (including gender-based identity).

Acts of housing discrimination and barriers to equal housing are repugnant to a common sense of decency and fairness. Federal and state laws affirm the right of every person to equal housing opportunity. Economic stability, community health, and human relations in all communities and the State of Illinois are improved by diversity and integration. Stable, integrated and balanced residential patterns are threatened by discriminatory acts and unlawful housing practices that result in segregation of residents and opportunities in Illinois communities.

The hard work and commitment of grassroots and non-profit organizations, housing service providers, housing professionals, financial institutions, elected officials, state agencies and others must be combined to promote integration, fair housing, and equal opportunity and to address the immense challenge of ensuring that every person in Illinois has access to affordable housing.

Again, I would like to recognize April 2014 as Fair Housing Month in commemoration of the signing of the U.S. Fair Housing Act and the Illinois Human Rights Act. These critical laws help establish the United States as an open and inclusive country committed to fair and equal housing opportunities for all.

RECOGNIZING SISTER FRANCESCA
ONLEY, PH.D.

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, Sister Francesca Onley, Ph.D., served as president of Holy Family University for 32 years—from 1981 to 2014—and is widely recognized as an outstanding and effective administrator. She was the driving force behind the expansion of the institution in northeast Philadelphia, while maintaining the integrity of its educational philosophy and academic programs. Scholar, educator, innovator, and astute businesswoman, Sister Francesca guided Holy Family to its University status in 2002, expanded enrollment and grew the endowment fund from thousands to \$16 million in 33 years. Sister Francesca also attained leadership positions in many educational associations, including charter president of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Consortium for Higher Education, the prestigious International Association of University Presidents, and the United Nations Commission on Disarmament Education, Conflict Resolution and Peace. She addressed the commission's goal to nurture concepts of peace through education, organizing peace conferences in areas of conflict, establishing outreach programs in Africa, and integrating technology into the teaching of English. In 2012, she was named Chair Emerita. Sister Francesca is honored today for a life of faith, grace, and achievement. Her family of friends and associates look forward to the future accomplishments of a most remarkable woman.